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In re Application of	:	
Gustavo M. Guillemin et al.	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 09/728,045	:	TO WITHDRAW THE
Filed: November 30, 2000	:	HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

For: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR
SECURE PRINTING

This is in reply to applicants' petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment, filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office, on August 15, 2005.

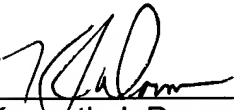
The petition is **GRANTED**.

A review of the file record reveals that a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (hereinafter the Office action) was mailed September 7, 2004. No reply to the Office action was received by the Office and a Notice of Abandonment was mailed to applicants on July 15, 2005.

Petitioners state that the Office action mailed September 7, 2004 was never received.

Further review of the application file record reveals that the Office action mailed on September 7, 2004, was returned to the Office as being undelivered on September 21, 2004. The application file record also reveals that all other Office communications mailed to the applicants' address were received. The application file record and the petitioners' statement that the Office action mailed on September 7, 2004, was not received by the applicants, provides sufficient proof that the applicants did not receive the Office action.

The application is being forwarded to the Supervisory Legal Instruments Examiner with instructions to redate and remail the Notice of Allowability and the Notice of Allowance and Fee Due (PTOL-85), originally mailed on September 7, 2004. It is noted that the petitioner paid the issue fee on August 16, 2005. However, the petitioner is **still required** to return PTOL-85B within three months of the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance **or the application will be regarded as abandoned**. Petitioner should include with the PTOL-85B a letter explaining that the issue fee has already been paid.



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